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## Traffic Stage Change on Illinois 59 in Aurora, Naperville

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that new traffic patterns for the ongoing Illinois 59 reconstruction and widening in Aurora and Naperville are scheduled to start taking effect, weather permitting, this afternoon.

Motorists should anticipate the following changes today:

- Between North Aurora and Diehl roads, Illinois 59 traffic will be shifted to new
  pavement. Both northbound and southbound directions of Illinois 59 will continue to
  have two through lanes in each direction, with left-turn lanes at all of the major
  intersections.
- Over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (Interstate 88), between Diehl and Ferry roads, Illinois 59 traffic also will be shifted to new pavement. Northbound Illinois 59 over the tollway will be reduced to one through lane, with a right-turn lane to the eastbound entrance ramp just north of Diehl Road. Southbound Illinois 59 will continue to be two through lanes over the bridge.
- Starting Monday, between New York Street/Aurora Avenue and North Aurora Road, southbound Illinois 59 traffic will be shifted to the new southbound pavement, while northbound traffic will remain in its current configuration. Both northbound and southbound Illinois 59 will have two through lanes in each direction, including under the BNSF Railroad viaduct. Northbound and southbound traffic will be separated by a wide, barricaded work zone in the middle of the road, which will prevent left turns except at signalized intersections.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

For additional information on the Illinois 59 project, visit <a href="www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il59-reconstruction-and-widening-project">www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il59-reconstruction-and-widening-project</a>.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at <a href="http://goo.gl/upgvZu">http://goo.gl/upgvZu</a>. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at <a href="www.travelmidwest.com">www.travelmidwest.com</a>.